

Lions' star booked in Mid-week league

Wycombe Wanderers 1, Wembley 2

IF ever a team should have won it was Wycombe Wanderers on Tuesday evening against Wembley in the Premier Mid-week Floodlight League. But Athenian Premier Division club, Wembley, took full advantage of some careless slips in the Wanderers' defence, after some ultra-rough tactics had kept them in the game.

Their tactics did them no good at all, and after several scything fouls on Anthony, Brian Woolley went into Mr. Setchell's book late in the game.

New-signing Johnny Bucke, who was playing against his old club, had a quiet, even disappointing home debut and was only useful for his "flick on" headers to Busby and company. Keith Searle was not Bucke's partner in attack as expected, and Viv Busby filled in his place.

Wanderers were all over the visitors in the first half, but somehow finished one down when the teams went into the dressing-room.

GREAT GEOFF

Geoff Anthony, who had a really terrific game on the wing, was first to go close for the home team when his lob struck the crossbar, and after nine minutes made the most of a foul to win a penalty. Everyone in Loakes Park thought—that was that—John Delaney--1-0. However, John's shot was too casual and Whittaker saved well, diving to his right.

After this initial pressure, Wembley settled down and in only their second attack of the game, in the 19th minute, White headed in a masterful centre from Tottman.

Wycombe continued to pile on the pressure, but the final pass to their constructive attacks just wasn't coming. Only Geoff Anthony made any real impression on the defence and, judging by this game, the only way Wembley's defence could stop him was to bring him down!

Wycombe were lucky to get a second try at a penalty after 66 minutes when Samuels was bounced off the ball. John Delaney came up to take his kick and fired with tremendous power, but he must have sighed with relief when he saw it go into the net off the crossbar rather than over.

This revitalised the Wanderers, but they were soon put back when Rayner, Wembley's most dangerous forward, beat both Delaney and O'Brien to a long through ball for number two. Samuels had a header saved on the line and Rayner saw his shot booted off the line by Rundle before Wembley ran out the winners.

Wycombe Wanderers: O'Brien, Thomas, Gale, Rundle, Delaney, Samuels, Worley, Baker, Busby, Bucke, Anthony, Sub.: Peasgood (not used).

Wembley: Whittaker, Beck, Walsh, Short, Carter, Woolley, Rayner, Locke, Tottman, Turner, White, Sub.: Bates.